Fort Randall, Neuro-Psychiatric Ward
(Navy Town, Neuro-Psychiatric Ward)
Northeast of intersection of California Boulevard
and Nurse Drive
Navy Town, Fort Randall
Cold Bay
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Location:

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Islands Division, Alaska

Present Owner:

Department of Defense

Present Use:

Demolished in 1985 as part of the Department of Defense

Environmental Restoration Program.

Significance:

Part of the naval facilities at Fort Randall, this 1942 Quonset hut served as the neuro-psychiatric ward of the World War II dispersed hospital complex there. In 1984 it was the last surviving example in the Aleutians of a Quonset hut psychiatric ward. While it was in near ruin at that time, two cells were intact. This ward was used during the Lend-Lease program but it is not clear if the facility was used by American or Russian personnel.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A Date of construction: 1942

B. Architect: U.S. Navy

C. Original plans and construction: This hut was part of a dispersed hospital lay-out which did not follow hospital designs such as Cantonment, Type A, or T/O.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Built of steel with interior cells constructed of plywood, this 24' x 60' standard Quonset hut had six dormer windows. Instead of the regular half-circular shape, however, this hut was designed with 4' vertical walls so that it could be placed in a revetment. Other Quonset huts in the Aleutians followed this same design, often with earth banked around them for protection during bomb attacks.

PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

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